

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On p. 14 after the paragraph beginning “Fig. 2” but before the paragraph beginning “Fig. 3,” please *insert* the following paragraph:

Fig. 2A is a cross-sectional view of connected male and female form-fitting portions, illustrating a frusto-conical shape thereof;

On p. 14, please *amend* the following paragraph as indicated:

Figs. 4 to 6 are schematic views of different bridge constructions; [[.]]

On p. 14 after the paragraph beginning “Figs. 4 to 6” but before the header “DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF A PREFERRED EMBODIMENT,” please *insert* the following paragraphs:

Fig. 7 is a schematic view of a bridge with a shape that resembles an “S”;

Fig. 8 is a schematic view of a bridge with a shape that resembles a meander.